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sweetly find that, in the one Master, all they are brethren. Thus also will be brought about the harmonious, if not united, action, which can deal wisely and powerfully with evils even so gigantic as war, and through the same instrumentality our own and other nations will be brought to seek the things that make for peace the world over.

When we consider the large proportion which the various organizations of professing Christians bear to the population of our own and other civilized countries, the general intelligence that characterizes them, or the high standard of virtue which they seek to uphold, it is not strange that the church has come to be regarded as the highest human agency in the upward progress of our race. Let not such a hope be disappointed.

Holding a vantage ground so favorable, with purposes so exalted, and a power when rightly directed so vast both spiritually and numerically, must not the responsibility for the continuance of a system so anti-Christian as war fall directly upon the professing church? As we verily believe, in its hands rests to-day the peace of the world. If, then, this burden has been laid upon the church by its Holy Head, let it be borne in His name, and in the strength He will give for so blessed a service. While its mission is thus fraught with love and tender sympathy for the whole human race, it has none the less a conflict to maintain against wrong in every form, however specious. But let us remember that, although its weapons are not, and cannot be, carnal, they are nevertheless "mighty through God to the pulling down" of those strongholds of evil which spring from the lusts and uncontrolled passions of men; that this contest for the truth and the right, though sharp and long, will in the end be victorious, and He shall thus reign who is "King of kings and Lord of lords." In this crowning victory let us remember every true-hearted follower of Christ will have a part, and in his daily life and the spirit which actuates him, he will be bearing a convincing testimony that "the kingdom of God is not meat and drink, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Ghost."

#### A Dream of the Flag.

BY RICHARD H. THOMAS.

My fathers' flag, I dreamed of thee;  
The air was dank; thou didst not wave;  
Thy colors draped the staff — ah, me!  
It stood on Freedom's grave.

I dreamed thou wert the tyrants' friend,  
That force, not justice, reigned supreme;  
Fling wide thy folds, I cried, and end  
The horror of my dream.

The stars of Heaven are in thy blue,  
Dear flag; I see thy stainless white,  
With the warm life-blood of the true,  
In strongest bands unite.

Thy message is that man is man,  
Through every strain of storm and stress;  
Nor skin, nor sin, nor serfdom can  
Suffice to make him less.

Nor is he more through pomp and pride;  
Ye despots who would plot and plan  
To chain your brother, stand aside,  
And reverence him — a man.

And art thou now the tyrants' friend ?  
And reigns brute force alone supreme ?  
Fling out thy folds, dear flag, and end  
The horror of my dream.

Flat fall thy folds against the mast,  
Nor stir when Heaven's breezes blow;  
But oh, they answer to the blast,  
Hot from the pit below !

Thy blue is dark, thy painted stars  
No longer shed their ancient light;  
With freeman's blood and curse, thy bars  
Are ghastly red and white.

'Tis but a dream. These fancies go;  
For love and truth still reign supreme;  
Bright bow of promise shine and show  
This horror but a dream.

The prophet flag art thou. I see  
God's patient stars that never cease,  
Thy stripes that tell how tribes shall be  
United, and at peace.

But yet the dream! From isles far off  
Weird spectres pass in grim review;  
They curse our flag with scorn and scoff —  
What if the dream be true ?

— *The Messenger of Peace.*

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